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| <b>I. (a) PLAINTIFF(S)</b>   |  | <b>DEFENDANT(S)</b>  |   |   |  |  |                            |  |     |     |     |   |                         |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |   |   |                  |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|----------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|---|-------------------------|---|---|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------------------|
| <p><b>(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF</b><br/> <u>(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)</u></p>   |  | <p><b>COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT</b><br/> <u>(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)</u></p> |   |   |  |  |                            |  |     |     |     |   |                         |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |   |   |                  |
|  |  | NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED                       |   |   |  |  |                            |  |     |     |     |   |                         |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |   |   |                  |
| <p><b>(c) ATTORNEYS</b> (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS)</p>   |  | <p><b>ATTORNEYS</b> (IF KNOWN)</p>   |   |   |  |  |                            |  |     |     |     |   |                         |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |   |   |                  |
| <p><b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b><br/> <small>(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)</small></p> <table> <tr> <td>1 U.S. GOVERNMENT PLAINTIFF</td> <td>3 FEDERAL QUESTION<br/>(U.S. GOVERNMENT NOT A PARTY)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 U.S. GOVERNMENT DEFENDANT</td> <td>4 DIVERSITY<br/>(INDICATE CITIZENSHIP OF PARTIES IN ITEM III)</td> </tr> </table>   |  | 1 U.S. GOVERNMENT PLAINTIFF  | 3 FEDERAL QUESTION<br>(U.S. GOVERNMENT NOT A PARTY)             | 2 U.S. GOVERNMENT DEFENDANT                               | 4 DIVERSITY<br>(INDICATE CITIZENSHIP OF PARTIES IN ITEM III) | <p><b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES</b><br/> <small>(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)<br/> (FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY)</small></p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>PLF</th> <th>DEF</th> <th>PLF</th> <th>DEF</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>1 CITIZEN OF THIS STATE</td> <td>4</td> <td>4 INCORPORATED OR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>2 CITIZEN OF ANOTHER STATE</td> <td>5</td> <td>5 INCORPORATED AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN ANOTHER STATE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>3 CITIZEN OR SUBJECT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY</td> <td>6</td> <td>6 FOREIGN NATION</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> |                            | PLF  | DEF | PLF | DEF | 1 | 1 CITIZEN OF THIS STATE | 4 | 4 INCORPORATED OR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE | 2 | 2 CITIZEN OF ANOTHER STATE | 5 | 5 INCORPORATED AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN ANOTHER STATE | 3 | 3 CITIZEN OR SUBJECT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY | 6 | 6 FOREIGN NATION |
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| <p><b>V. CAUSE OF ACTION</b> (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE - DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY)</p>  |  |  |   |   |  |  |                            |  |     |     |     |   |                         |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |   |   |                  |
| <p><b>(IF COMPLEX, CHECK REASON BELOW)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unusually large number of parties.</li> <li>2. Unusually large number of claims or defenses.</li> <li>3. Factual issues are exceptionally complex</li> <li>4. Greater than normal volume of evidence.</li> <li>5. Extended discovery period is needed.</li> <li>6. Problems locating or preserving evidence</li> <li>7. Pending parallel investigations or actions by government.</li> <li>8. Multiple use of experts.</li> <li>9. Need for discovery outside United States boundaries.</li> <li>10. Existence of highly technical issues and proof.</li> </ol> |  |  |   |   |  |  |                            |  |     |     |     |   |                         |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |   |   |                  |

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RECEIPT # \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$\_\_\_\_\_ APPLYING IFP \_\_\_\_\_ MAG. JUDGE (IFP) \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ MAG. JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ NATURE OF SUIT \_\_\_\_\_ CAUSE OF ACTION \_\_\_\_\_  
(Referral)

**VI. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)****CONTRACT - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

150 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT &  
ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENT  
152 RECOVERY OF DEFALTED STUDENT  
LOANS (Excl. Veterans)  
153 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT OF  
VETERAN'S BENEFITS

**CONTRACT - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

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120 MARINE  
130 MILLER ACT  
140 NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT  
151 MEDICARE ACT  
160 STOCKHOLDERS' SUITS  
190 OTHER CONTRACT  
195 CONTRACT PRODUCT LIABILITY  
196 FRANCHISE

**REAL PROPERTY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

210 LAND CONDEMNATION  
220 FORECLOSURE  
230 RENT LEASE & EJECTMENT  
240 TORTS TO LAND  
245 TORT PRODUCT LIABILITY  
290 ALL OTHER REAL PROPERTY

**TORTS - PERSONAL INJURY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

310 AIRPLANE  
315 AIRPLANE PRODUCT LIABILITY  
320 ASSAULT, LIBEL & SLANDER  
330 FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY  
340 MARINE  
345 MARINE PRODUCT LIABILITY  
350 MOTOR VEHICLE  
355 MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCT LIABILITY  
360 OTHER PERSONAL INJURY  
362 PERSONAL INJURY - MEDICAL  
    MALPRACTICE  
365 PERSONAL INJURY - PRODUCT LIABILITY  
368 ASBESTOS PERSONAL INJURY PRODUCT  
    LIABILITY

**TORTS - PERSONAL PROPERTY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

370 OTHER FRAUD  
371 TRUTH IN LENDING  
380 OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE  
385 PROPERTY DAMAGE PRODUCT LIABILITY

**BANKRUPTCY - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

422 APPEAL 28 USC 158  
423 WITHDRAWAL 28 USC 157

**CIVIL RIGHTS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

441 VOTING  
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445 AMERICANS with DISABILITIES - Employment  
446 AMERICANS with DISABILITIES - Other

**IMMIGRATION - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

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463 HABEAS CORPUS- Alien Detainee  
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510 MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE  
530 HABEAS CORPUS  
535 HABEAS CORPUS DEATH PENALTY  
540 MANDAMUS & OTHER  
550 CIVIL RIGHTS - Filed Pro se  
555 PRISON CONDITION(S) - Filed Pro se

**PRISONER PETITIONS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

550 CIVIL RIGHTS - Filed by Counsel  
555 PRISON CONDITION(S) - Filed by Counsel

**FORFEITURE/PENALTY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

610 AGRICULTURE  
620 FOOD & DRUG  
625 DRUG RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY  
    21 USC 881  
630 LIQUOR LAWS  
640 R.R. & TRUCK  
650 AIRLINE REGS.  
660 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY / HEALTH  
690 OTHER

**LABOR - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

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720 LABOR/MGMT. RELATIONS  
730 LABOR/MGMT. REPORTING & DISCLOSURE  
    ACT  
740 RAILWAY LABOR ACT  
790 OTHER LABOR LITIGATION  
791 EMPL. RET. INC. SECURITY ACT

**PROPERTY RIGHTS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

820 COPYRIGHTS  
840 TRADEMARK

**PROPERTY RIGHTS - "8" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

830 PATENT

**SOCIAL SECURITY - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

861 HIA (1395ff)  
862 BLACK LUNG (923)  
863 DIWC (405(g))  
863 DIWW (405(g))  
864 SSID TITLE XVI  
865 RSI (405(g))

**FEDERAL TAX SUITS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

870 TAXES (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)  
871 IRS - THIRD PARTY 26 USC 7609

**OTHER STATUTES - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

400 STATE REAPPORTIONMENT  
430 BANKS AND BANKING  
450 COMMERCE/ICC RATES/ETC.  
460 DEPORTATION  
470 RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT  
    ORGANIZATIONS  
480 CONSUMER CREDIT  
490 CABLE/SATELLITE TV  
810 SELECTIVE SERVICE  
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**OTHER STATUTES - "8" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

410 ANTITRUST  
850 SECURITIES / COMMODITIES / EXCHANGE

**OTHER STATUTES - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

ARBITRATION (Confirm / Vacate / Order / Modify)

(Note: Mark underlying Nature of Suit as well)

\* PLEASE NOTE DISCOVERY  
TRACK FOR EACH CASE TYPE.  
SEE LOCAL RULE 26.3

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

CHECK IF CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.Civ.P. 23     DEMAND \$\_\_\_\_\_

JURY DEMAND     YES     NO (CHECK YES ONLY IF DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT)

**VIII. RELATED/REFILED CASE(S) IF ANY**

JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CIVIL CASES ARE DEEMED RELATED IF THE PENDING CASE INVOLVES: (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX)

1. PROPERTY INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER NUMBERED PENDING SUIT.
2. SAME ISSUE OF FACT OR ARISES OUT OF THE SAME EVENT OR TRANSACTION INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER NUMBERED PENDING SUIT.
3. VALIDITY OR INFRINGEMENT OF THE SAME PATENT, COPYRIGHT OR TRADEMARK INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER NUMBERED PENDING SUIT.
4. APPEALS ARISING OUT OF THE SAME BANKRUPTCY CASE AND ANY CASE RELATED THERETO WHICH HAVE BEEN DECIDED BY THE SAME BANKRUPTCY JUDGE.
5. REPETITIVE CASES FILED BY PRO SE LITIGANTS.
6. COMPANION OR RELATED CASE TO CASE(S) BEING SIMULTANEOUSLY FILED (INCLUDE ABBREVIATED STYLE OF OTHER CASE(S)):
  
7. EITHER SAME OR ALL OF THE PARTIES AND ISSUES IN THIS CASE WERE PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED IN CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_, WHICH WAS DISMISSED. This case     IS     IS NOT (check one box) SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME CASE.

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

DATE